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SUMMARY. PRESS PROMINENTLY COVERS VP MONDALE VISIT AND
JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SADAT. HEADLINES HIGHLIGHT
SADAT'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN LONDON MEETING AND
THAT EGYPT HAS GIVEN ITS PEACE PROPOSAL TO VP MONDALE.
EDITORIALS DESCRIBE VISIT AS "CONCRETE EVIDENCE" OF US
DESIRE TO TAKE DECISIVE AND NECESSARY ACTION IN NEXT
STEPS OF PEACE PROCESS. PRESS REPORTS FONMIN KAMEL TO GO
TO LONDON JULY 15. ND SUMMARY.

1. PRESS JULY 4 HAS BANNER HEADLINE COVERAGE OF MONDALE
VISIT PROCLAIMING SADAT'S AGREEMENT TO EGYPT'S ATTENDING
FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN LONDON AND THAT EGYPT
PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL FOR A COMPLETE PEACE TO MONDALE.
AHAM HEADLINE ATTRIBUTES TO MONDALE STATEMENT THAT WISDOM
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AND COURAGE OF SADAT HAVE MADE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE
POSSIBLE FOR FIRST TIME. HEADLINES ALSO PICK UP ON SADAT
STATEMENT THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE
BUT CONFERENCE MUST BE WELL PREPARED. THERE ARE PICTURES
OF SADAT CONFERRING WITH MONDALE ON FRONT PAGES OF ALL
DAILIES. TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE PUBLISHED.

2. COMMENTARY ON MONDALE VISIT. AHRAM POINTS TO MONDALE STATEMENT IN SPEECH BEFORE KNESSET THAT WITHOUT ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL "FROM ALL FRONTS" THERE CAN BE NO PEACE. EDITORIAL NOTES MONDALE SAID PEACE PROSPECTS WERE NEVER SO ENCOURAGING AND THAT U.S. RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING CLEAR CUT AND DEFINED STAND TO AVOID NEW FLARE-UP. EDITORIAL ALSO CALLS FOR POSITIVE STANCE BY U.S. AKHBAR EDITORIAL SAYS MONDALE VISIT "CONCRETE EVIDENCE" OF US DESIRE TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION. EGYPT HAS BEEN WAITING FOR POSITIVE SIGNS FROM ISRAELIS AND NOW BECAUSE OF MONDALE VISIT THE WAIT WILL NOT BE LONG. GUMHURIYYIA EDITORIAL NOTES VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE IN SEARCH FOR POSITIVE POINTS IN ALL PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD FOR STUDY AND THAT FONMIN KAMEL ALSO URGED "POSITIVENESS" IN STUDY OF EGYPT'S PROPOSALS. IN LIGHT OF RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIAN POSITION, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES MONDALE TALKS HAVE THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AND RENDER THE NEXT STEPS IN PEACE PROCESS "REALLY DECISIVE"

3. KAMEL TO LONDON JULY 15. MENA "LEARNED" THAT FONMIN KAMEL WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON JULY 15 TO ATTEND PROPOSED FONMIN MEETING "DUE TO OPEN JULY 17". STORY ALSO REPORTED KAMEL HAD GIVEN TO VP MONDALE A "WRITTEN FORMULA" OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS ABOUT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. EILTS

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